

September 20, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 2.5 GHz Transition Initiation Plan for Houston, TX BTA (BTA196)  
WT Docket No. 06-136

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 27.1231(f) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(f), Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp., Alda Gold, Inc. and PCTV Gold, Inc., wholly owned subsidiaries of Sprint Nextel Corporation (collectively "Sprint Nextel") hereby submit this Initiation Plan to transition the Broadband Radio Service ("BRS") and Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") licensees in Basic Trading Area ("BTA") 196 – Houston, TX.<sup>1</sup> As indicated below, this Initiation Plan filing includes: (i) identification of the BTA being transitioned; (ii) a list by call sign of all of the BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned; (iii) a "best estimate" of when the transition will be completed; (iv) a statement confirming that licensees in adjoining or adjacent BTA(s) need not be transitioned to avoid interference to licensees in the subject BTA being transitioned; and (v) a certification that Sprint Nextel has the funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(i), List of BTAs.***

The BTA being transitioned is listed in Exhibit A.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(ii), List of Transitioning Licensees.***

A list by call sign of all BRS and EBS licensees in the BTA that is being transitioned is provided in Exhibit A.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iii), Best Estimate for Completion.***

After evaluating the various factors at issue in transitioning these licensees, including the number of licensees being transitioned, Sprint Nextel's best estimate for completion of this transition is on or before July 31, 2007.

***Section 27.1231(f)(1)(iv), Statement on Adjacent BTAs.***

Sprint Nextel has determined that it is necessary to transition the BRS and EBS licensees in the adjacent BTA034 (Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX) in order to avoid the potential of interference to the licensees in the markets that are the subject of this Initiation Plan. Our analysis shows that there may be harmful interference to the transitioned licensees from existing operations outside the BTA. Therefore, Sprint Nextel will transition the BRS and EBS licensee(s) in BTA034 with the licensees in BTA196. A Transition Initiation Plan for BTA034 is being filed contemporaneously with this Transition Initiation Plan for BTA196.

<sup>1</sup> Sprint Nextel is eligible to serve as the proponent to transition this area under section 27.1231(c)(1) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 27.1231(c). Sprint Nextel has also satisfied all necessary conditions for filing an Initiation Plan, including sending a Pre-Transition Data Request and a Transition Notice to every BRS and EBS licensee in the subject BTA. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 27.1231(d)-(e).

**Section 27.1231(f)(1)(v), Statement on Co-Proponent.**

Not applicable. Sprint Nextel is not transitioning this market jointly with a co-proponent.

**Section 27.1231(f)(1)(vi), Certification of Funds.**

Sprint Nextel certifies, based on the data collected through the Pre-Transition Data Requests, that it has sufficient funds available to pay the reasonable expected costs of the transition. As of March 31, 2006, as reported in Sprint Nextel's SEC Form 10-Q, Sprint Nextel had total assets of \$102.77 billion, unaudited.<sup>2</sup>

In the event you have any questions regarding the Initiation Plan, please contact the undersigned at (703) 433-4222.

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> See Sprint Nextel Corporation Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2006.

## EXHIBIT A

Sprint Nextel is transitioning the Houston, TX BTA. The following list sets forth, by call sign, all BRS and EBS licensees that are being transitioned pursuant to this Initiation Plan.

Call Sign	Licensee Name	BTA
B196	PCTV Gold, Inc.	Houston, TX
KRZ68	Spring Branch Independent School District	Houston, TX
WAU31	University of Texas Health Science Center At Houston	Houston, TX
WHJ887	Alda Gold, Inc	Houston, TX
WHJ946	Alda Gold, Inc	Houston, TX
WHQ281	Region IV Education Service Center	Houston, TX
WHR492	Region IV Education Service Center	Houston, TX
WLK305	Block & Associates	Houston, TX
WLX437	Fayetteville Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX438	Somerville Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX590	Round Top-Carmine Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX591	Bellville Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX645	Hempstead Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX751	Danbury Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX754	Region III Education Service Center	Houston, TX
WLX792	Bay City Independent School District	Houston, TX
WLX860	Texas State Technical College Waco	Houston, TX
WLX897	Boling Independent School District	Houston, TX
WMI812	Robert S. Moore	Houston, TX
WMX228	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp	Houston, TX
WMX229	Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp	Houston, TX
WMY293	MDS Nucentrix Trust	Houston, TX
WMY294	MDS Nucentrix Trust	Houston, TX
WNC208	Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network, Inc.	Houston, TX
WNC456	Brazoswood Sr High School	Houston, TX
WNC457	Brazosport Sr High School	Houston, TX
WNC493	Anderson-Shiro C.I.S.D.	Houston, TX
WNC494	New Waverly Independent School District	Houston, TX
WNC495	North Zulch ISD	Houston, TX
WNC496	Madisonville Consol Independent School District	Houston, TX
WND219	Angleton Independent School District	Houston, TX
WND220	Sweeny Independent School District	Houston, TX
WNEY577	Alda Gold, Inc	Houston, TX
WNTH877	Robert A. Hart, IV	Houston, TX